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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ALLMANDINGER et al.
Appl. No. : 10/695,958
Filed : October 30, 2003
Title : ADJUSTABLE FLANGE DEVICE FOR COVER MEMBER IN
DRIVE AXLE ASSEMBLY
Group Art Unit : 3681
Examiner : HO, H.D.
Docket No. : 08200.623

October 11, 2005

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated September 6, 2005. Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

No extensions are believed necessary for this filing. However, applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions or other relief associated with this filing and authorizes the commissioner to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.